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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE REACTION TO ILO DECISION ON
INSURGENT MOVEMENTS

SUMMARY: PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS AND MEDIA HAVE CON-
DEMNED ILO'S DECISION TO INVITE AFRICAN INSURGENT
LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ILO CONFERENCE, BUT HAVE
STOPPED SHORT OF SUGGESTING PORTUGAL SEVER TIES WITH
ILO. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFFS, GOP
OFFICIALS HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR DISTRESS OVER
DECISION OF ILO TO INVITE PAIGC, MPLA AND FRELIMO
TO PARTICIPATE IN ILO CONFERENCE AS REPRESENTATIVES
OF PEOPLE OF GUINEA, ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. IT
APPEARS, HOWEVER, GOP HAS NOT REACHED FIRM DECISION ON
ITS FUTURE COURSE WITH REGARD TO ILO.

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2. PORTUGUESE PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO LETTER FROM HEAD OF GOP DELEGATION TO CHAIRMAN OF ILO, PUBLISHING TEXT IN FULL. (LETTER STRESSES LEGALITY OF PORTUGAL' S POSITION AND CALLS ILO DECISION " GROTESQUE.") LARGE- CIRCULATION DIARIO DE NOTICIAS OF JUNE 28 GIVES FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO TRANSLATION OF GENEVA COURIER EDITORIAL RIDICULING ILO AND ADDS OWN DENUNCIATORY COMMENT, CONCLUDING THAT " FROM THE UN TO THE ILO, MANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN INSTRUMENTS OF SUBVERSIVE AND UNSCRUPULOUS POLICY."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS GOP AS YET UNDECIDED ON NATURE OF ITS FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH ILO, IT IS CLEAR THAT GOP REPRESENTATIVES INTEND TO ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM PUBLIC MEETINGS OR OTHER PUBLIC ACTIVITIES WHERE " TERRORIST" LEADERS ARE PRESENT.
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